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### STATUTORY RAPE CASE

## Former JV volleyball coach sentenced to jail

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After initially pleading not guilty to charges of statutory rape, a Westfield man and former Agawam High School coach pleaded guilty and admitted to the charges against him last week.

Michael Rash will now face two and a half years in jail for two counts of statutory rape.

The sentence was handed down in Hampden Superior Court on Aug. 14.

Rash was arraigned in Hampden Superior Court last week on four counts of rape and abuse of a child aggravated by age.

Rash was alleged to have entered into relationship with a 15-year old Agawam girl with messages using a social networking application Snapchat. Rash and

the girl also exchanged text messages, and then began meeting late at night and engaging in sexual activity, the girl has testified in police reports. The reports state the girl would sneak out of her house and meet Rash at a park nearby, where a physical relationship then ensued.

Rash was a junior varsity volleyball coach at Agawam High School.

Rash, 24, was originally arrested on June 6, 2014. He was arraigned on two counts of statutory rape of a child. Judge Philip Contant set Rash's bail at \$1,000. The bail was posted and Rash was released on June 9 after spending a weekend in jail.

According to a report from

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### FROM THE PUBLISHER

## We've got Agawam covered

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We'll be arriving at your home next week, too. So please take a moment to consider the service we provide and enjoy the paper. We hope to be arriving at your home every week for years to come. Thanks so much. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Turley  
Publisher, Turley Publications

### FACING THE MUSIC



The Parks and Recreation Department, and Agawam YMCA, hosted a Family Fun and Movie Night last Friday at School Street Park. Above, children walk in a circle, as in "musical chairs," then sit on and break water balloons. At left, comedian Dan Foley of Norwood helps audience volunteer Brayden Parrelli of Agawam, 6, with his juggling skills. More photos on page 12. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY LISA BRISON

### MARCHING MOHAWKS

## Late-summer tune-up for AHS band

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Full sport athletes may have restrictions on when they can begin practices, but members of the Agawam High School marching band have gotten their "fall season" off to an early start.

Agawam is the only school in the region that hosts a preseason

band camp prior to the start of the school.

More than 70 members of the marching band spend nearly 10 hours per day practicing outside to prepare for the 15- to 20-minute halftime show to be performed at least five times a year. Band Director William Hueglin leads the camp.

"This camp is very important to what we do," said Hueg-

lin. "And the kids come in with a great attitude, and work really hard. A lot of the credit goes to them."

Hueglin remarked to parents that last week also included a lot of sweat and drinking water as the teenage band members had to endure some exceedingly hot



The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks perform for parents at the conclusion of band camp held last week at the high school. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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# Athletic facility won't cost \$8.8M, says architect

Officials tour locker rooms, fields as town prepares for second round of bids

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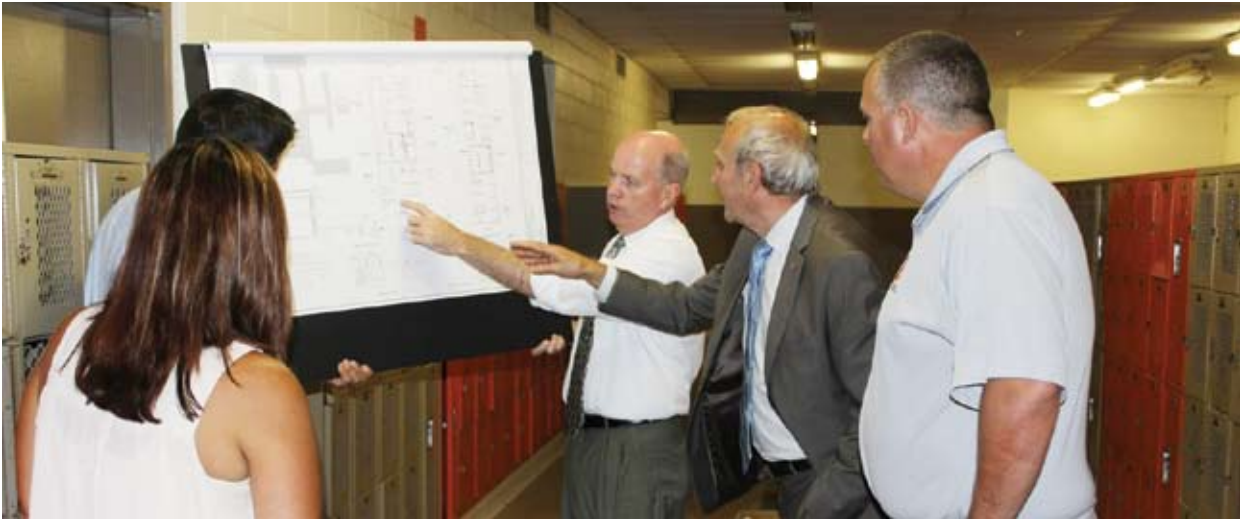
With a delay in the second round of bidding, town officials took the opportunity to go over the athletic facilities project again at a meeting held last Thursday morning at Agawam High School.

Several elected officials, including representatives from the Agawam City Council and School Committee, attended the meeting.

Mark Arigoni, an architect from Milone and MacBroom, the designer on the project, gave an updated presentation of the plans for the project. After the presentation, the group toured the high school locker rooms and team rooms before crossing the athletic fields.

The meeting was called by Lou Conte, who was the head of the Track Exploratory Committee, who wanted to give committee members and elected officials another opportunity to give feedback before the project goes out to bid a second time.

The town's administra-



Architect James Hanifan talks with town and school officials about plans for the locker rooms at Agawam High School last Thursday morning. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

project, but the first two ended up being withdrawn. The town rejected the third bid, which was \$8.8 million. The budget for the project was \$7.785 million. The City Council approved use of more than \$1 million in Community Preservation Act funds and borrowing up to \$6.75 million.

It is possible the council will have to approve a higher borrowing depending on how the bids come in. Town Clerk Richard Theroux, a member of the track committee and current candidate for city councilor, questioned how much more the council would need to approve.

"It's not going to cost

"I don't believe this is an \$8.8 million project."

The town administration is hoping by waiting until this fall, they will get more favorable bids from contractors that are planning their work for 2016.

Elected officials got a first-hand look at how poor the condition of the high school locker rooms and team rooms are. Part of the project, which would take place during the summer, would be to complete renovate both locker rooms, including the team rooms.

Both the boys and girls locker rooms are in very poor condition. Lockers have dents and excessive scratching. The floor tiles

coming apart.

Agawam's varsity football coach John Benjamin attended the meeting, and said he wants to see more space in the coach's room.

"I have eight coaches I need to fit into that room," said Benjamin.

The girls locker rooms show a very dated look, with individual shower stalls in the center of the room and large walls in between. Gender-neutral changing rooms will also be installed, and as a result of feedback from an elected official, the public bathrooms on the girls locker room side of the gymnasium will be renovated.

Outside, architects showed how the new ath-

letic facility would be installed. The paved basketball courts which are currently behind the varsity baseball field will be relocated closer to the school. New tennis courts with new fencing will be installed.

The multi-use artificial turf field will be installed. Arigoni said while a new set of 1,500-capacity stands will be installed, the existing press booth will be used. Some internal work may be done to improve it.

Varsity baseball coach Brian Rheault gave feedback to architects regarding the baseball field being moved to the back of the school. He requested a batting cage and bullpen mound only be installed on the home side

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of the field. Few baseball fields in the region provide warm-up areas for visiting teams.

As of last week, Mayor Richard Cohen said the construction would begin as soon as the snow breaks in 2016. Baseball and lacrosse would have to be moved off-site for the spring 2016 season. School Street Park and Shea Park are the leading candidates to host varsity baseball, officials said. Agawam Junior High School may be the best location for lacrosse games.

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# With 1 day to go, no new nominations for Nov. ballot

Several additional candidates returned nomination papers last week, but no additional names had come forward as of 2 p.m. Monday, with just over a day left before the nomination deadline.

Fifteen candidates, including all 11 incumbents, were confirmed for the City Council race, but only the incumbents had returned

their papers for mayor and School Committee. Nominations with signatures from at least 100 registered Agawam voters were due at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, after the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline.

The council race is slated to include Samuel DiSanti Jr., Robert Magovern and Richard Theroux, in addition to incumbents

George Bitzas, Cecilia Calabrese, Paul Cavallo, James Cichetti, Christopher Johnson, Gina Letellier, Joseph Mineo, Dennis Perry, Donald Rheault, Robert Rossi and Anthony Suffriti.

For mayor, only incumbent Richard Cohen had returned papers by Monday. Local businessman William Clark, who had pulled papers for mayor in June, had

not yet returned them.

The School Committee ballot, as of Monday afternoon, included only the six incumbents, Anthony Bonavita, Roberta Doering, Diane Juzba, Carmino Mineo, Shelley Borgatti Reed and Wendy Rua. The one declared challenger, Brian Burbank, had not yet returned papers.

Barring last-minute

nominations, the town will not require a preliminary election before the Tuesday, Nov. 3, general election. The preliminary would be held only if there were more than two mayoral candidates, 22 council candidates or 12 School Committee candidates.

The terms for mayor, city councilor and School Committee are all two years.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, will be the last day for Agawam residents who are not yet registered to register to vote in time for the preliminary election, if necessary; Wednesday, Oct. 14, will be the last day to register for the general election. On both days, the town clerk's office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Early deadline this week

The *Agawam Advertiser News* asks readers and advertisers to be aware of early deadlines.

Press releases, submitted photos and community news must be received by 8 a.m. Monday morning, Aug. 24, to be considered for inclusion in the Aug. 27 edition of the *Advertiser News*. News may be sent to Teri Machia at [aan@](mailto:aan@turley.com)

[turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). Machia can be reached at 413-786-7747, ext. 100. For businesses wishing to advertise in the Aug. 27 edition, the deadline to contact sales representative John Baskin is the end of the business day Friday, Aug. 21. Baskin can be reached at [jbaskin@turley.com](mailto:jbaskin@turley.com) or 413-786-7747, ext. 101.

## Summer Beerfest to benefit Relay this Saturday

Main Street Deli will host a "Local Breweries Summer Beerfest" this weekend to benefit Relay for Life.

The event will be held 2-6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22,

rain or shine, under the tent on the front lawn and patio at 141 Main St., Agawam.

Sam Adams, Iron Duke, Fort Hill and Westfield River brewing companies will

be sampling and doing full pours. The day's events will also include a barbecue with all the fixings and sides included in the \$15 admission ticket. Attendees must be

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

## A paper just for your town

We didn't mail the paper to everyone in town the past two weeks, so just in case you're not a subscriber or a regular newsstand customer, here's a taste of what you missed:

- Neighbors of the Dunkin' Donuts and Holyoke Credit Union drive-through windows under construction in Feeding Hills Center are taking the developer and the town Zoning Board of Appeals to court, saying it will lower their property values.

- An Agawam U-11 baseball team won the regional Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament with a perfect 5-0 record, dedicating their win to Carlo Oldenburg, the father of one of the team's players, who passed away earlier this year.

- National Night Out in Agawam saw attendance over 1,000 at School Street Park — a new record for the three-year-old event and a strain on the parking capacities of School and Corey streets.

- The town's dog park at Shea Field opened quietly in early August, more than a month before the official grand opening.

- Bethany Assembly of God again led a region-wide coalition of churches to bring the Convoy of Hope — a massive social services fair and prayer meeting — to Springfield last weekend.

- Agawam High School confirmed that the Brownies will play their home football games at Harmon Smith Field on Cooper Street throughout the 2015 season, after officials decided to delay work on athletics facility upgrades.

If you weren't reading the *Agawam Advertiser News*, you may have seen some of these stories in the daily newspaper from Springfield, or in the website owned by that daily, or in a regional weekly newspaper based in East Longmeadow. But you didn't see them given the same priority there as they were in your hometown paper. And in many cases, you didn't see those stories in those newspapers until they'd been published in this newspaper first.

If you weren't reading any newspaper, you may have heard about some of these stories from Facebook or your hairstylist or a friend chatting over coffee. But unless your best friend is the mayor or the police chief or the coach, you probably heard the story third- or fourth- or seventh-hand — without the benefit of a reporter's notebook or tape recorder to double-check what was actually said. And if you did get the correct story, chances are your storyteller got his or her facts from the newspaper.

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If your house is in Agawam or Feeding Hills, you should be getting this week's and next week's paper, on us. Give us a chance and read through them. Learn something new about your town and dive a little deeper into local events, politics and personalities than you can with any other news source.

We know you'll find that the *Agawam Advertiser News* offers a local voice and a local focus that you'll find nowhere else. Knowing that, why would you want to miss another week?

*We want to hear from you! Editor Michael Ballway can be reached at [mballway@turley.com](mailto:mballway@turley.com) or 413-786-7747, ext. 102.*

## Election coverage policies

The *Agawam Advertiser News* welcomes submitted statements from candidates and letters to the editor from town residents as part of its coverage of the 2015 town elections.

In order to ensure fairness for every candidate, all candidate statements will run in a special section to be printed Sept. 24. No candidate press releases will be printed in any other edition of the newspaper.

All candidates for mayor, City Council and School Committee are invited to submit a statement of up to 500 words, to include

biographical and campaign platform details only — no attacks on other candidates, parties or groups, and no publicity for campaign appearances or fundraisers. Please include a headshot photograph for publication. Candidate statements and photographs may be sent to the editor at [mballway@turley.com](mailto:mballway@turley.com), faxed to 413-786-8457 or mailed or hand-delivered to *Agawam Advertiser News*, 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. The submission deadline is noon Wednesday, Sept. 16. For more information, call Managing Editor Michael J.



JAY SPEAKS

## Seventy years after

The newspapers, radio and TV stations, as well as conversations this past month, all commented on the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Most editorials indicated that the writer thought it a good thing, but there many who still insisted that it was the wrong approach to ending the war.

On a recent weekend, Kitty and I saw the movie "Mr. Holmes." It is the story of Sherlock Holmes in later years. One of the scenes shows Sherlock in the Japanese city of Hiroshima, shortly after the bombing.

From my standpoint, I believed that it may have saved my life. Just a few weeks before the bombs dropped, I was on the Marshall Islands in the Pacific, training for the invasion of the Japanese homeland.

Based on the casualties our troops suffered landing on other islands occupied by Japanese troops, it was suggested that the United States would suffer anywhere from a half-million to a million lives lost in the invasion of the Japanese Home Islands.

To bring the numbers into personal focus, one of the sergeants training my particular group took three soldiers aside and said, "Take a good look at each other, because after our landing, there will only be one of you left." I gather he was trying to inspire us to work harder at our battle techniques.

Our training included rapidly descending cargo nets from the sides of ships into smaller landing craft and then wading ashore under fire from the beaches. Speed and elusiveness were what the drill instructors were looking for.

Just as an aside, the high point of the day came at 4 p.m. Each day at that hour, a cloud would come over, drop rain for about five minutes, then disappear. Right after that, we would load up a B-25 bomber with

cases of beer. The bomber would ascend to 30,000 feet and cruise for a few minutes to cool down the beer and then land. How about that for a high point!

Then came the day that we left for Okinawa. The Japanese had just been defeated at Okinawa. This would be our take-off point for the invasion. We no sooner landed there than we heard the news about the atomic bombs. Then the surrender followed soon after.

The devastation in Okinawa was just a prelude to what we encountered when we landed in Japan as an occupying force.

Entire cities had been hit by both regular bombs, but also by fire bombs. I was fortunate in being assigned to military intelligence. We had a part in disarming the Japanese ability to have a military force. Now, 70 years later, they still have no real military presence.

A few weeks after arriving in Japan, I had the privilege of taking a train to Hiroshima. The train station looked just as it did in the Sherlock Holmes movie ... and the devastation looked as it appeared to me. It seemed as if the photographer in the movie captured the same scenes that I saw.

The scenes that I saw in my early days of military occupation certainly helped in making me one who felt that negotiating rather than fighting is the correct thing to do.

Now 70 years later, we have negotiated a deal with Iran regarding atomic bombs. It remains to be seen if our Congress will approve. Most of the Senators and congressmen and -women have not been exposed to military devastation. Perhaps those that were exposed will make the case for peace. We'll have to wait and see.

*Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.*



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## GUEST COMMENTARY

## What comes around goes around

By Frank J. Andruss Sr.

Back in 1984, our family decided that it was time for a new boat. Previous to this, my dad and I had always loved the water, having a 1957 Speed Queen and an old MFG, which we liked to call the “tug boat” because it couldn’t get out of its own way.

All of our boating took place in Southwick at Congamond Lakes, which has three lakes, so to speak — North, South and Middle. Over the years we had seen it all — the wreck of our beloved Speed Queen when it was torpedoed by a Jet Ski, the emergency landing of a plane that flipped over, and even the crash of our own boat which sent Dad to the hospital with a broken hip. Dad had about enough of

the MFG, so off to the Ox-bow Marina we went.

That day, with Mom and sister Lori in tow, I spotted the boat which we would come to love and enjoy. She was brand new in 1984, sitting on her trailer, and boy she looked sleek. Talking it over during lunch, Dad, myself and my sister Lori decided to buy the boat and a week later, we picked it up.

My sons, then 5 and 3 years old, came with us all the time and it was always fun on the water. Over the years, my dad had decided it was time to give up his share of the boat and with my firstborn, Frank Jr., taking such an active interest in the boat, he turned it over to him in 1994. A short time later my sister and I did the same. Frank Jr. enjoyed every minute he could with this boat.

In 2004 he decided it was time to part with this old 20-year boat and on a sunny day in June she was hauled away by her new owner. I don’t think he ever got over selling this boat, as so many memories were made with his grandfather; it was all he talked about.

Over the years, he managed to keep track of where the boat went, as she would have three other owners. Finally, in 2014, 10 years after the boat was sold, the last owner was found in Coventry, Conn., some 60 miles away. It was decided to try and buy her back. The owner understood the sentimental value of the boat and decided he would sell it back to my son. We took the ride and tears began to flow as we saw her again just sitting there. After some negotiations, I handed the man



The Andruss family's Bayliner boat, restored and refurbished, returned to the Congamond Lakes this year. SUBMITTED PHOTOS.

his money and bought it for my son. Almost right away, he decided it was time for her to get a full makeover and found Rey Flores, a genius with many years experience in boat restoration. By this time the old gal was 30 years old and had seen plenty of time on the water.

During her restoration, the entire boat was fixed and gel-coated, a new elec-

trical system was installed, all wood in the boat was removed and replaced, a new carpet installed and the engine completely gone through. The restoration took over one year to complete and in June 2015, the boat made her maiden cruise on Congamond Lakes with Frank Jr.'s two sons and wife onboard. She ran beautifully, never skipping

a beat. On shore, my mom and I watched with pride as my son took the old gal through her paces.

What started out as a dream for us in 1984 became an even bigger one for my son, as he now had the boat he grew up with for years to come.

*Frank J. Andruss Sr. is a resident of Feeding Hills.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Gateway to town becoming an eyesore

On almost a daily basis, I find myself driving by the intersection of Main Street and Suffield Street. Recently, I was thinking that I have never seen the lonely little fountain bubbling water. Well, it’s broken. Earlier this year, I did notice that the little island around the fountain was cleared of weeds, but looking at it now, it’s an eyesore again.

Now that Rocky’s is promoting wood pellets, they are right up to the fence, under the faded Ace sign. In the lot, there is an old rusted electrical box on a pole, and add this to the rusted old sign across the street with just a hole in it where a sign used to be. Also, a very nice blue sign on the pole advertising, “We buy houses fast.”

Dunkin’ Donuts closed and John’s garage closed, just to add to the mix of the decay on this corner. I won’t even throw the motel or Games and Lanes into this blighted mess in our city.

This area is overgrown, decaying and neglected. This is the gateway to the town of Agawam.

Does anyone care what the entrance to our city looks like? What if you were a prospective businessperson entertaining the thought of coming to our fair city? Would you?

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## God deserves our respect in the words we use

Today I heard someone refer to God as “the man upstairs.” Have we, as professing Christians, fallen so far from the Lord as to use casual references like that? First of all, God is not just a man and to address Him as such is to reduce His Majesty to mere humanity. I think that to use such a disrespectful expression would indicate the person doesn’t really know who God is. God is not just some tenant

who lives in an apartment above yours. He is not just another sinner, as all we humans are. God is the King of the universe, the Almighty One, the Great “I Am.” He is the Creator and giver of all life and everything that lives was created by Him.

We hear people refer to the Pope as “the Holy Father” when he is only a human being, just like us. He is not endowed with any special heavenly attributes.

He is just a man who might just as well as be called the Mayor of Rome. The only Holy Father there is, is God.

Perhaps a casual attitude toward God (He Who is the “beginning” and the “end” of this world, the One Who was, Who is, and Who will always be) is reflective of where the world is heading today. People don’t respect authority, they don’t respect our flag, they don’t respect each other and their children don’t respect their

parents. Some people don’t even respect themselves.

Who then, will they respect? The dictionary defines respect as “a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities or achievements.” God is all that and even more. He is not your upstairs neighbor. He is love; perfect love — unchanging, undeserved, unconditional and always there. And it’s all there for the asking.

God deserves more than our respect. He deserves all honor, all glory, all praise — and all our love.

Do you want to see this world turn around from where it is headed today? Humble yourself. Bow your head right where you are and reflect on all these things. Get to know God and then pray to Him — not to the “man upstairs.”

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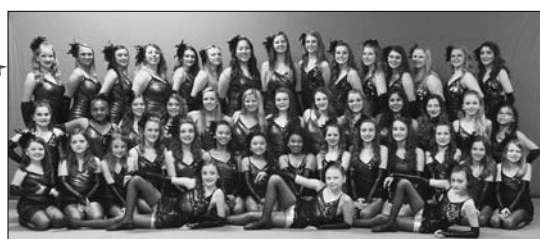


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# Dog owners enjoying new park, plan fundraiser

*Calendar contest to raise money for maintenance, expansion*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Agawam Dog Park is officially open and it's getting good reviews.

Agawam Dog Owners Group President Deborah Sanchez has been attending the park on a regular basis and she and other members of ADOG are helping make sure rules are being followed as unofficial monitors of the park.

Sanchez says she and her dog have yet to attend the park together, but she has been visiting the park with members of her group

and enjoys the atmosphere there.

"I think the nicest thing about the park is that it is aesthetically pleasing," said Sanchez. "The contractor did a beautiful job creating this park."

Just as the plans guaranteed, there is an area for big dogs and one for small dogs. Both kinds of dog have been utilizing the park since it opened two weeks ago.

There is equipment to play with, benches for people to sit on, and trash receptacles, though Sanchez says some wish there were more.

"That's the only negative feedback I have received," said Sanchez. "People need more places for their dogs' waste."

Sanchez says ADOG will continue to raise money through the organization's

various fundraisers. The funds will go toward maintenance of the park and expansion — adding additional equipment and amenities that had to be eliminated when bids for the project came in much higher than anticipated.

For the fourth straight year, ADOG is holding its annual dog calendar contest.

This year, the contest has been renamed "Dogs Unleashed."

Anyone wishing to enter should take a digital photograph of his or her dog and submit it to ADOG at [agawamdogpark.com](mailto:agawamdogpark.com). After filling out the form and paying the entry fee online, submit the digital photo to [paul323@comcast.net](mailto:paul323@comcast.net)

It costs \$10 to enter the contest and entries should be received by Sept. 16. The

photographs will be judged independently and the top 12 will make it in the 2016 calendar, which will also be sold as a fundraiser. The entries will be judged on composition of the photo, photogenic qualities of the dog, overall charm and appeal of the photo, and appropriateness to the calendar.

"We are really excited for the photo contest because we always get some really wonderful photos," said Sanchez.

ADOG is also very excited to be part of the upcoming grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting. It will be part of a fun-filled day at the park on Saturday, Sept. 12.

The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Sanchez says there will be some speeches from local dignitaries, including Mayor Richard Cohen, followed by the ribbon cutting.

In addition, there will be numerous vendors at the event. Sanchez did not specifically name all the vendors, but says they are all dog-related, including a pet photographer.

There will be some raffle and some prizes, and the event will be held rain or shine.

Ground broke at the park



Danny Silba and his dog, Dutchess, play at the Agawam Dog Park next to Shea Park. A grand opening and ribbon cutting is currently planned for Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

on April 14, and the work was completed in late July. It took some more time for the grass to come in before it was opened in August.

Meanwhile, the dog park is open daily and rules about how to use the park are posted. Volunteers from ADOG are on hand at different parts of the day to

ensure dogs and owners are behaving properly and cleaning up after their animals. Dogs that use the park must be properly licensed.

The dog park is located behind next Shea Field behind Robinson Park School. It can be accessed from Maynard Street near the National Guard armory.

## Troop 77 fundraiser at EB's Aug. 31

Boy Scout Troop 77 will hold a fundraiser at EB's Restaurant, 385 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam on Monday, Aug. 31. EB's sponsors a "Give Back Monday" fundraising program. Eat at EB's on Aug. 31 and 10 percent of all food sales, both dine-in and takeout, excluding alcohol, will be donated to Troop 77.

The scouts will use the money generated from the

fundraiser to help support scouting activities, mainly camping. Troop 77 camps locally at Moses Scout Reservation in Russell and is planning two out-of-district camping trips this coming scout year. The troop will attend the Herkimer Diamond Mine Geology Merit Badge program as well as Winter Treks on the Vermont-Canada border. The scouts also plan other ac-

tivities as needed to fulfill merit badge and advancement requirements.

Boy Scout Troop 77 is sponsored by St. John's Church in Agawam and is part of the Western Massachusetts Council, which serves over 6,600 young people and over 1,600 adult volunteers in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties.

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# Public Safety

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 299 calls for service from Aug. 11 to Aug. 16. The department made six arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

**Thursday, Aug. 13**  
Curtis Dore, 41, of 34 High-meadow Drive, West Springfield, was arrested on a straight warrant. Kimberly Dore, 38, of 42 Stony

Hill Road, Feeding Hills, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

**Friday, Aug. 14**  
Cristian Gutierrez, 18, of 68 Fenwick St., Springfield, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**Saturday, Aug. 15**  
Sheila Santiago, 40, of 366 Franklin St., Springfield, was ar-

rested on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Arthur A. Young, 41, of 22 Bennett St., Apt. B, West Warwick, R.I., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

**Sunday, Aug. 16**  
Chevon M. Washington, 31, of 18 Amore Road, Springfield, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 56 EMS calls for Aug. 11 to Aug. 17, and the following emergency response calls.

On Aug. 13 at 9:30 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional.

On Aug. 14 at 8:29 a.m., the department responded to River Road for special type of incident,

other.

On Aug. 14 at 9:58 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Aug. 14 at 10:32 a.m., the department responded to Northwood Street for public service assistance, other.

On Aug. 15 at 3:48 a.m., the department responded to Spring-

field Street for person in distress, other.

On Aug. 15 at 4:28 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Aug. 17 at midnight, the department responded to Cooper Street for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.



Scooping ice cream and pouring on toppings for veterans are Agawam Junior Women, from left, Theresa Conklin, Ginny Stempel, Jocelyn Wildman, Sue Godfrey, Donna Shibley and Aileen Semanie. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Serving our veterans

Members of the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently hosted an ice cream social for the residents of the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. The veterans were treated to ice cream sundaes provided for and served by the AJWC.

When everyone had their appetite satisfied, the Juniors had the opportunity to speak with the veterans, who were amazed at some of the stories they had to tell.

## Bethany to host divorce, grief support groups

Bethany Assembly of God will host its DivorceCare, DivorceCare for Kids, and GriefShare support groups beginning Sept. 9. Meetings will be held Wednesdays at 580 Main St., Agawam, and will meet for 13 weeks; each session begins at 7 p.m.

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people separated or divorced. This seminar will meet in room 104 at 7 p.m.

DivorceCare for Kids is especially designed for children age 5 to 11 of divorce or separation. This seminar will meet in room 105.

GriefShare is designed for those that have lost someone close to them or know someone who has. This special weekly support group will meet in room 103.

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# Summer reading hits new high despite smaller staff

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There were nearly 100 more participants in the youth summer reading program at the Agawam Public Library this year. And just two-thirds the staff.

Without a children's librarian this summer, the remaining two staff members in the children's room, Susan Peoples and Rose Dupre, stepped up to run the library's most successful summer program yet, wrapping up last week with 870 participants.

"Even though it was just the two of us, we didn't eliminate anything," said Dupre. "It made the days fly by. We love coming to work, so [that] made it much easier."

The former children's librarian, Cynthia Sutter, resigned in June after having been on leave for several months. Library Director Judith Clini said she trusted Dupre and Peoples, who were hired within a week of each other in September 2007, to manage the department on their own.

"They've both been here years," Clini said. "Certainly, they picked up the ball and did a wonderful job. The programs have been full, very well attended. People seem to be very happy with everything."

Maintaining a high level



Agawam Library associate Susan Peoples, left, and library clerk Rose Dupre led the children's room through this year's summer reading program. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

of service became a juggling act for the children's staff. Because someone has to be on staff whenever the library is open — a 12-hour day, Mondays through Thursdays, eight hours Friday and seven hours Saturday — Dupre and Peoples had to move some programs from their traditional times to the 2-4 p.m. window, the only time when their schedules overlapped and they could spare someone to run a program while the other one manned the desk.

Even while Dupre was running "Mother Goose on

the Loose" and Peoples was planning for the next guest presentation, the everyday work of the library still had to be done.

"Everything else doesn't stop in the library just because it's summer," said Dupre. "You're still checking out books."

They were also able to call on library staff from other departments to fill in at the children's room desk, but even that came with a complication: the steady drop-in traffic of children reporting their progress on the several reading con-

tests. Anyone at the desk had to be familiar not only with the layout of the children's room and the schedule of upcoming events, but also with the different rules and procedures for three individual contests — for young readers, for grades 5-6 and for teenagers — and a group contest pitting the town's four elementary schools against each other.

"We had two pages of cheat [sheets] for anyone filling in for us," Peoples said.

Dupre and Peoples also decided to continue the



Aidan Monaghan, 6, of Feeding Hills, sings "Ladybug, Ladybug" with guest performer Judy Pancoast during the summer reading program finale Aug. 14 at the Agawam Public Library.

teen volunteer program the library, even though neither of them had run it before — it had always been the children's librarian's job. Ten teenagers participated in the program this summer.

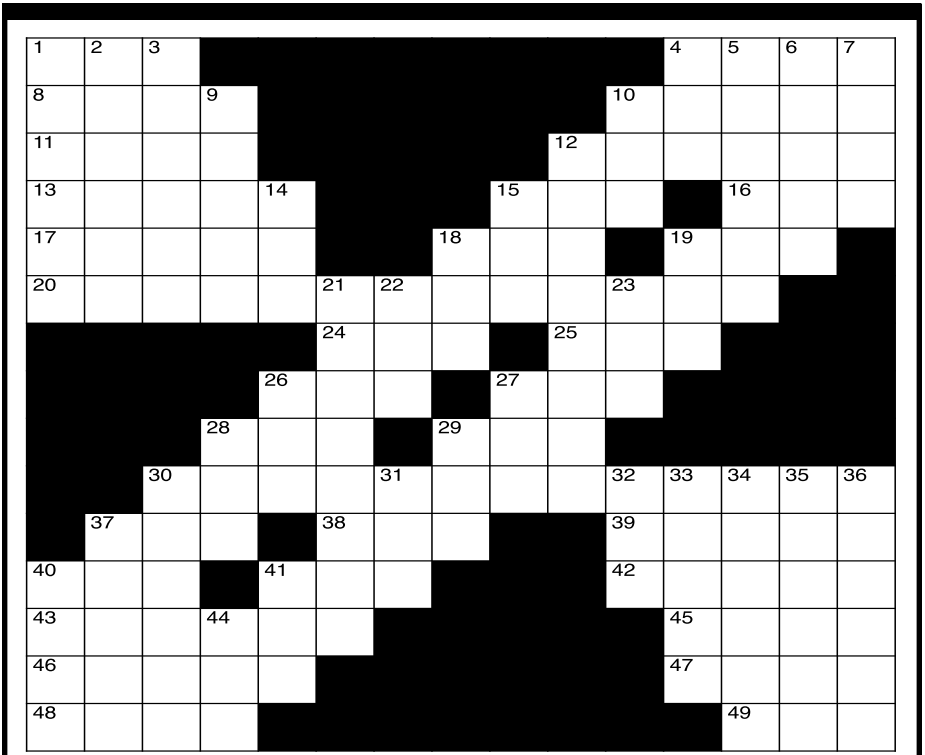
In addition to having worked side-by-side for almost eight years, Dupre and Peoples come from similar backgrounds and genuinely enjoy helping children: Peoples was a kindergarten assistant before taking the library job; Dupre was a preschool teacher.

Clini said the library is in the process of hiring a new

children's librarian. The job posting calls for a candidate with a master's degree in library science and at least three years of professional experience as a children's librarian. The salary range is roughly \$52,000 to \$64,000.

She said that ordinarily, the library would ask for internal candidates, but "there's nobody here at the library that has that experience, both qualifications."

The posting expires Friday and Clini said she hopes to have a new children's librarian in place before autumn.



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- 1. Munich jazz label
- 4. A lump of clay
- 8. Showy ornament
- 10. \_\_\_ Girl, brand of beer
- 11. Aka Kissavos
- 12. Warmest season of the year
- 13. 2nd longest Bulgarian river
- 15. Records the brain's electric currents
- 16. Cutting part of a drill
- 17. Colorful Italian city
- 18. The last part
- 19. Pouch
- 20. "Mad Men" creator
- 24. No (Scottish)
- 25. Actress Farrow
- 26. Focus cars (Co. initials)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 27. Snakelike fish
- 28. One point E of due S
- 29. Grey sea eagle
- 30. Female "Mad Men" star
- 37. Actress Lupino
- 38. Time units (abbr.)
- 39. Moses' elder brother
- 40. 4th Caliph of Islam
- 41. Treaty of Rome creation
- 42. Theatrical play
- 43. Told on
- 45. "To tie" in Spanish
- 46. Amidst
- 47. Exchange for money
- 48. Bar game
- 49. Pluto or \_\_\_ Pater

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Selfishness
- 2. Cinnamon source
- 3. Revolutionary firearm
- 4. Br. university town river
- 5. Lower back region
- 6. Relating to oil
- 7. Soil
- 9. Cause to lose courage
- 10. Pushed in nose dog
- 12. Dregs
- 14. Part of a cheer
- 15. Point midway between NE and E
- 18. Female sheep
- 19. Main
- 21. In a way, tangled
- 22. WWII female grunts

**CLUES DOWN**

- 23. Nothing
- 26. Hoover's organization
- 27. Before
- 28. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. One point S of due E
- 30. Film splicer & viewer
- 31. Something curved in shape
- 32. Possessed
- 33. Patagonian hares
- 34. Gave a formal speech
- 35. Resident of Mogadishu
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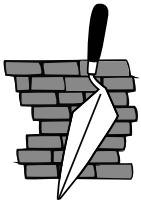
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## Freshman orientation next Friday

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The students-only orientation will be held in the high school cafeteria at 760 Cooper St. Students do not need to bring anything; they will be given a draft copy of their class schedule when they arrive.

## Register for Sept. 12 hazardous waste collection

The Agawam Department of Public Works will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 12, at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield St.

This program offers residents a safe, economical way to dispose of household items that are flammable, reactive, corrosive or toxic. Solvents, pesticides, caustic cleaners and oil-based paints are some examples of the different types of items that will be accepted.

For a complete list of acceptable materials, visit [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us). This event is free to Agawam residents, but registration in advance is required. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the DPW at 413-821-0600, ext. 0, or 413-821-0624.



# Applause Series returns with Dan Kane & Friends

*American Songbook concert on Sept. 11 opens 2015 Cultural Council series*

The 12th season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series gets underway at the Agawam Senior Center at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, with a concert of "Hits of the American Songbook" performed by Dan Kane & Friends.

Kane and his singers have featured some of the best vocalists in the Pioneer Valley for more than 30 years. Their sold-out Christmas concerts at the MassMutual Center and Springfield Symphony Hall are a family tradition for many. They have been responsible for discovering and mentoring several of the top young voices in the valley, several of whom have gone on to Broadway, and beyond.

The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main St. and can be reached

by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Other Applause Series events planned for 2015-16 include:

**Friday, Oct. 2:** Jimmy Mazz "musical journey through the years," a tribute to legends of Las Vegas, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Friday, Nov. 6:** Handler & Levesque, guitar and mandolin music from around the world performed by a husband-and-wife duo, 7 p.m. at the library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

**Friday, Dec. 4:** The Skid Marks, rock and roll hits of the 1950s and '60s, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Friday, Jan. 8:** Agawam Paranormal, with audio recordings, video and photos of paranormal investigations, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Friday, Feb. 5:** Duo Fusion, "adventurous and enchanting" flute and guitar music from J.S. Bach and Spanish flamenco to surf

guitar, 7 p.m. at the library.

**Friday, March 4:** Millennium Magic Chorus, women's four-part harmony from barbershop to doo-wop to contemporary music, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Friday, April 8:** Rick Spencer, "historic songs of outlaws, villains and rogues" with music and commentary, 7 p.m. at the library.

**Friday, May 6:** "The History of Ragtime," America's first pop music, played by pianist and composer Deborah Wyndham, 7 p.m. at the library.

For more information, visit [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



The Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series begins its 12th season on Sept. 11 with Dan Kane & Friends at the Agawam Senior Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Wednesday, Sept. 9, for take-in only sales.

Opening day for sales will be the following Wednesday,

Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday hours, which are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will continue starting Oct. 3.

## Sign up now for community picnic, live music

Country Estates, a Kindred Healthcare transitional and rehabilitation facility, will host a community picnic 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3. The facility is at 1200 Suffield St., Agawam.

The events will include

free iris scans for children's identification kits sponsored by the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, live music by Patrick Tobin performing the hits of Frank Sinatra, and an inflatable bounce house for chil-

dren. Popcorn, snow cones and a full picnic spread will be available.

To make a reservation, call Jennifer Payette, director of admissions, at 413-726-1703 by Aug. 22.

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# Youth

## New student signups next week at town schools

The Agawam School Department will hold registration of new students on the following schedule. Office hours for the elementary schools are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The Roberta G. Doering School and Agawam Junior High School guidance personnel will be available Aug. 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2:30 p.m.

All guidance offices will

be closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch break.

Agawam High School registration for grades 9-12 will take place by appointment only on Wednesday, Aug. 26; Thursday, Aug. 27; and on Monday, Aug. 31, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., grouped according to the first letters of the student's last name.

Appointments may be made by contacting the AHS guidance office at 413-726-

1646. The registration schedule is as follows:

Grade 9 students: Last names beginning with A to Z — Ms. Galereave.

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The letters W to Z — Mrs. Niles.

Grade 10 students: Last names beginning with the letters A to FL — Mrs. LaPoint; last names beginning with the letters FM to ML — Ms. Dromey; last names beginning with the letters MM to V — Mr. Veres; last names beginning with the letters W to Z — Mrs. Niles.

Grade 11 students: Last

names beginning with the letters A to FL — Mrs. LaPoint; last names beginning with the letters FM to ML — Ms. Dromey; last names beginning with the letters MM to U — Mr. Veres; last names beginning with the letters V to Z — Mrs. Niles.

Grade 12 students: Last names beginning with the letters A to GL — Mrs. LaPoint; last names begin-

ning with the letters GM to M — Ms. Dromey; last names beginning with the letters N to V — Mr. Veres; last names beginning with the letters W to Z — Mrs. Niles.

Students who are enrolled in the following programs: Connections (formerly ALP), AOP, Aspire (Rm. 32), Room 7 — Mrs. Niles; Collaborative, IOP, and Out-of-District — Mrs. Niles.

### Grin and bear



Blades, the mascot of the Boston Bruins hockey team, visited Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Blades told the story of how he got his job and pictures were taken with the famous bear. The Boston Bruins provided crafts and goodie bags for kids of all ages. Pictured, from left, are Mayor Richard Cohen, Blades and Addison Tuohy. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Churches support schoolchildren

St. David's Episcopal Church and Lighthouse Christian Church are joining forces to support the children of Agawam. Both churches have purchased children's backpacks in different colors and sizes, and filled them with age-appropriate school supplies. The backpacks will be distributed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22, at Lighthouse, 522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The churches will also offer games, face painting and hot dogs with all the fixings. All Agawam children and parents are welcome.

"I love working with other churches in the area to serve God and the people of Agawam," said Sue O'Hare

of St. David's. Bob Olmstead of Lighthouse added, "We thank the Lord for this opportunity and look forward to a great turnout."

St. David's is located at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Sunday services are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Lighthouse Christian Church has service Saturday evenings at 6 p.m.

## First-time bus rider program Aug. 27

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club next Thursday will hold the town's 42nd annual First Time Bus Riders Program featuring the Safety Bug. Incoming kindergarten students will be shown proper, safe bus riding techniques and parents and caregivers will be given helpful

tips about the first days of school.

The event will be held in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 3:30 p.m. Children will meet the Agawam safety officer and take a short ride on a school bus around the high school parking lot.

All are welcome to register at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) or call 413-789-1550.

For more information, call Christina Beauchemin at 413-427-8784.

The AJWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

## Countdown to Kindergarten is on

The first day of kindergarten can be filled with joy and reservation. The Agawam Family and Community Program will host the following free events to help children prepare for their big day.

**Kindergarten Parent Café:** Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30-8 p.m. Whether it's a parent's first or last child heading off to kindergarten, this time can be exciting, nerve-wracking and emotional all at once. Entering school starts a new chapter

for both children and parents and guardians. Topics will include first day tears and cheers. Attendees will learn some tricks from veteran parents and make new connections. This event will take place at the Agawam Senior Center dining room, 954 Main St.

**Kindergarten Socials:** Thursday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Clifford Granger School and Robinson Park School, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at James Clark School and

Benjamin Phelps School. Parents and guardians are invited to bring students for a fun story time and a chance to make some new friends. Each student will leave with a new book courtesy of the Agawam Family and Community Program. This event is offered to Agawam students entering kindergarten in September.

All event information is available at [www.agawam-publicschools.org](http://www.agawam-publicschools.org) under "Special Interests."

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# CATCH A LAUGH!

Visitors to School Street Park Friday, Aug. 14, were treated to a comedy show by the Airborne Comedians, water balloon games and a viewing on a 40 foot high movie screen of “The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge out of Water,” as the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department held a Family Fun and Movie Night. The Agawam YMCA was also on hand to lead children in games such as a water balloon cakewalk and a water balloon toss game, using the 900 water balloons that counselors made for the evening’s games.

**Ryan Rackliffe, a youth program instructor with the Agawam YMCA, hands out hundreds of water balloons for kids to play and cool off with.** TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY LISA BRISSON



Mariana Dellaripa, 9, keeps her cool with her stylish sunglasses and umbrella.



Six-year-old Malaysia Murphy prepares to catch a water balloon in the water balloon toss game.



James Flood, 10, was the winner of the water balloon toss game.



Andrei Birsan watches as his 16-month-old son Andrey tools around on his bicycle around School Street Park during Family Fun Movie Night.



The 40-foot movie screen provided a fun way to see an outdoor movie in the park.



Dan Foley of Norwood, a member of the Airborne Comedians group, gets a puzzled reaction from a young visitor to the park as he rides around on his unicycle.



# Youth

## Maze Days, orientation at Jr. High are Aug. 25

Agawam Junior High School will host its orientation night for incoming seventh graders and eighth graders new to the school from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the school's auditorium at 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Orientation night is open to all students who will be attending AJHS for the first time this fall, and

their parents or guardians. Prior to the orientation meeting, "Maze Days" will take place from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. These are flexible times and parents and students are not required to attend the entire time.

During the Maze, those in attendance will receive and complete important paperwork, sign up for school activities and clubs and get more information regarding particular programs offered at AJHS.

In addition, the PTO will also be on hand to provide information on upcoming events and activities being offered to the students, as well as to get input and ideas to be shared with the school and student body. After completing the Maze

Days paperwork, students will be provided their homeroom (first period) team assignments for the upcoming school year. The process should not take more than 45 minutes to complete.

The packet is also available in advance at the school's website at [www.agawampublicschools.org](http://www.agawampublicschools.org). It may be completed and

turned in just before going to the orientation meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Maze Days for returning eighth-grade students will be held 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the cafeteria. Any seventh-grade or new eighth-grade family that is not able to attend on Tuesday scheduled date is welcome to attend on this date.

## Doering School parent orientation is Thursday

The Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam, will conduct its second grade 5 orientation for parents and guardians on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The purpose of this event is to outline school policies and procedures prior to the first day of school. Additionally, "Back to School Night" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, beginning in the school auditorium with a brief discussion concerning policies and procedures, and ending with meetings with teachers.

Because students attended orientation in June, it is advised that they do not attend either event, due to space constraints.

## 'Jurassic Roadshow' rolls on to Springfield Museums

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Museums will host the Jurassic Roadshow, which brings the science, history and art of the Connecticut River Valley's dinosaur footprints and trace impressions to street fairs and other events in the region, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. The Roadshow's appearance will also help to highlight

the unique collections of dinosaur fossils housed in Dinosaur Hall at the Springfield Science Museum.

The day will include a variety of fun and educational activities for dinosaur fans of all ages, including additional fossils and interactive exhibits provided by the Roadshow, a fossil dig station, live dino-themed tunes by David Polansky,

and appearances by Freda the Friendly Dinosaur.

Paleontologist Dr. Patrick Getty will also be on hand to answer visitor questions. To celebrate the birthday of Dexter Marsh, born Aug. 22, 1806, a free set of Dinosaur Footprint Trading Cards will be available to each family.

In 1846, Marsh opened the first museum (an ex-

tra room in his Greenfield home) to display locally-discovered footprints.

All activities listed are free with museum admission, which includes access to all four Springfield Museums.

General admission is free for members and Springfield residents with proof of address, and covers admission to all four

Springfield Museums and most activities on Aug. 22. General admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members.

For more information, visit [springfieldmuseums.org](http://springfieldmuseums.org); for information about the Jurassic Roadshow, visit [jurassicroadshow.com](http://jurassicroadshow.com).

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The tractor show, to be held 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include food, beverages and a 50-50 raffle. Admission is \$2 per person, free for children under 12. The farm is at 1131 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The Historical Association operates the Agawam Historical and Fire House Museum in the former Fire Station No. 3 on Elm Street, and the circa 1757 Thomas Smith House at 251 N. West St. in Feeding Hills. The association will have several artifacts on display and



The International Harvester 3588 2+2 articulated tractor used regularly at E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills will be on display at a tractor show organized to raise funds for the Agawam Historical Association. SUBMITTED PHOTO

items for sale during the show. Membership information will also be available.

Parking for the show is available across the street from the farmstand at 1154 Springfield St., and, after noon, at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., a short walk from the farm.

Show organizers wish to thank the Rev. Steve Amo,

Ralph Depalma and Carl Karolinski for their support in making additional parking available for the show.

Show organizers are inviting all area tractor owners to exhibit their machines, new or old. All makes, models and conditions are welcome. Contact David Cecchi at 413-789-3236 or [cecco@davidcecchi.com](mailto:cecco@davidcecchi.com) for details.

## Church seeking crafters, vendors for fall fair

WEST SPRINGFIELD — West Springfield United Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, invites crafters and vendors to rent a table at the annual Fall Vendor and Craft Fair scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This

fair offers a great opportunity to showcase handmade and professionally crafted items just in time to start holiday shopping.

Soup and sandwiches will be served by the ladies of the church at a modest cost and baked goods will

be available. An eight-foot table and two chairs can be rented for \$40, with an additional \$5 for electricity.

Spaces are limited. For more information or an application, call Gail at 413-733-1566 or e-mail [gail.barnes@comcast.net](mailto:gail.barnes@comcast.net).

## Wine, cheese trip open to the public

The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter 2, will host a trip to a "Wine and Cheese Autumn in Southern Vermont" on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The day will begin at Grafton Village Cheese in Brattleboro, then off to the Matterhorn Inn in West Dover for some Polish American cuisine in the rustic Chopin Restaurant.

After lunch, guests will go to Honora Vineyards in West Halifax to enjoy a tour and tasting of fine wines and will receive a memento to wine glass. The trip will conclude with shopping at Kringle Candle in Berneadston.

This trip is open to the public. The cost is \$85 per person and includes deluxe

motor coach and all gratuities. The bus will depart from Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, at 7:45 a.m. and will return at 7:15 p.m.

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# Payroll deficit prompts revisit of mayor's transfer authority

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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City councilors want to avoid repeating last month's last-minute scramble to pay Agawam Municipal Golf Course employees before the books closed.

Council President Christopher Johnson was displeased to have to call a July 14 meeting to move funds around in the golf budget so there would money in the correct accounts to meet the payroll.

On Aug. 3, the full Agawam City Council met in a workshop format following their regular meeting to discuss how to make sure town

department heads know the fund transfer process and can keep their budgets in balance.

Last month's transfers did not cost the town any additional funds, but were needed to balance the budget so that specific line items were not overdrawn. The town's fiscal year ends on June 30, and transfers to cover expenses had to be complete by July 15.

Town Auditor Cheryl St. John said she had no choice but to approve a July 2 payroll request that overspent the seasonal and temporary employee pay account at the end of the fiscal year.

"I am required by law to

do payroll," said St. John. "People have a right to get paid."

The alternative would have resulted in possible grievances being filed against the town for lack of payment for work.

Golf Course General Manager Tony Roberto took responsibility for not requesting the transfer sooner, due to personal issues, but councilors said Town Hall needs to take a more proactive approach.

Johnson and other councilors are suggesting St. John generate reports at regular intervals and issue emails to department heads to inform them when they have

low balances in a line item.

To get transfers approved, there is a two- to four-week process, depending on the time of year. All "in-house" transfers must get City Council approval. This requires having the item placed on a council agenda the Thursday before a scheduled council meeting. The item appears as new business. At the following council meeting, two to three weeks later, the transfer then appears as old business and can be acted upon.

St. John said in-house transfers became more difficult in June 2014 when the City Council took away Mayor Richard Cohen's abil-

ity to make such transfers on his own.

When the amendment was approved, along with the fiscal 2015 budget, councilors said they were looking for more transparency by putting all transfers on the council's agenda for a vote. But smaller transfers that take a long period of time can slow down government, the mayor says.

Recently, Councilor Joseph Mineo, the chairman of the Finance Subcommittee, said he is interesting in pursuing a modification to that ruling.

"I am going to wait until the fall when we have everyone back from vacations

and I want to sit down with my committee," said Mineo. "We had to approve a transfer of nine cents one time. I just don't think these things need to come in front of my committee."

Mineo stopped short of saying he would consider restoring the mayor's ability to make in-house transfers without council approval, but said compromises could be considered, such as a minimum amount for transfers to require council approval.

"Slowing down government is definitely the last thing we [the council] want to do," said Mineo. "At the same time, we do want to have transparency."

## 'History on the Move' at Springfield museums for Sept. 12 car show

SPRINGFIELD — Each fall, the Springfield Museums pay tribute to Springfield's role in transportation history at the annual "History on the Move" Car Show. The 12th annual event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, on the Quadrangle green. A wide assortment of vintage early automobiles

will be displayed, including many pre-1950 cars and an assortment of vintage automobiles manufactured in Springfield. The event is sponsored by AAA Pioneer Valley; MassMutual is the 2015 premier sponsor of the Springfield Museums.

Attendees can also enjoy the transportation exhibits at the Lyman and Merrie

Wood Museum of Springfield History, which was recently honored by Yankee Magazine as the best car and motorcycle museum in Massachusetts. The exhibits include two Springfield-built Rolls-Royces, an 1899 three-wheeled Knox and a 1903 Stevens-Duryea, the oldest surviving model of its kind, all made in Spring-

field. Also on view is the Wood Museum's famous collection of Springfield-built Indian Motorcycles and an experimental roadster made by the Indian company.

Ongoing activities that day are scheduled to include driving demonstrations of a replica of the Springfield-built 1893 Duryea, the first successful gasoline-pow-

ered car. There will also be an awards ceremony for best in show and people's choice. Lunches and snacks will be available in the Blake House Café, and music will also be provided by a DJ.

Admission to the event is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-17, and includes access to exhibits at the Wood Museum of Springfield History as well

(no discounts apply). For those wishing to have access to all four museum buildings as well as the car show, general admission is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$9.50 for children ages 3-17. Admission to the event and the museums is always free for museum members.

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Band Director William Hueglin leads the Marching Mohawks' percussion section at last week's band camp. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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temperatures and humidity throughout the week.

"The sun was definitely hot this week," said Hueglin. "But the kids didn't stop and we're really happy with how much progress they have made."

Assisting Hueglin are members of the Agawam Band Boosters Association. The boosters must raise about \$12,000 a year to help fund the marching band, and spend the entire week helping Hueglin keep the students on task and provide water and snacks when needed.

At the end of the week, a pre-show of sorts is performed for the parents and booster club members.

This year, one of the leaders of the marching band is senior Samantha Swistak. She reflected on a good camp and said the

week of preparation is vital to the band having a good year and members knowing where they are going to be and what they are going to perform.

"We have a lot of kids here and they all need to know their parts," said Swistak. "But this camp also is a great way for the younger students and incoming freshmen to learn and for the older kids to become leaders."

She said she gained a sense of family when she attended her first band camp as an AHS freshman.

"Now I am trying to give the younger kids that same sense of family," she said.

After the camp week, the band has limited time together, with practices for a couple of hours on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

"After band camp, these

kids have very busy schedules once school starts," said Hueglin.

The band, known as the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks, will have its first performance on Friday, Sept. 11, when the Agawam's varsity football team opens its home schedule against Minnechaug Regional at 7 p.m.

The show theme this year is "That '70s Show," featuring 1970s-themed music. The performance will be repeated at Agawam's four other scheduled home games this fall.

In addition to musicians, the Marching Mohawks feature flag and baton twirlers.



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the Agawam Police Department, the 15-year-old victim's mother obtained knowledge of the affair by seeing content on the victim's cellular telephone.

She immediately took the information to the Agawam police. The police interviewed the alleged victim on June 5, 2014. Town officials have made few comments on the situation.

Rash had been helping the boys volleyball program, which is a spring sport, recently. When the school district learned of the arrest, that assistance was terminated.

Superintendent William Sapelli said the School Department cooperated fully with Agawam Police to complete the investigation.

Sapelli confirmed the school district was informed about Rash after police had made an arrest.

According to court documents from Hampden Superior Court, Rash was once arrested and charged with assault of a pizza delivery man in 2007. However, the charges were later dropped and he no longer was in possession of criminal record. As a result, the charges did not turn up in the CORI

background check required for Rash when he was hired as a coach at Agawam High School.

Following his arrest last June, Rash was immediately fired from his position at Agawam High School.

His original charges included two counts of sexual assault of a minor. Those and other charges were dismissed as part of a plea bargain. Rash will be required to register as a sex offender when he is released from jail. He was taken away to jail after being sentenced by Judge Mary Lou Rup.

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# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

# Annual SAFL Jamboree set for Saturday

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Correspondent*

EAST LONGMEADOW – The Suburban Amateur Football League will kick off its season with the fourth annual jamboree this Saturday at East Longmeadow High School.

It will be an all-day affair this year with 16 different teams sending their three football teams out to East Longmeadow to take part in a scrimmage.

League President David Dematteo, of Agawam, is pleased with the way this year's event is shaping up, with 14 teams involved this year.

"We are always happy to have more teams get involved with the kickoff," said Dematteo. "Teams have a great time at this event and they get a chance to gauge what they have while playing on a really nice field."

This year will feature a couple of new teams and several of the regular suspects in the hour-long format. Dematteo said he was conscious this year to put together some matchups that featured teams that will not be facing each other in the regular season.

"It's a good idea for the kids to face some different opponents, meet some new people," said Dematteo. "The coaches also have a chance to meet with each other and exchange information and knowledge."

The action starts off on at 9



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Agawam will participate in the SAFL Kickoff, a jamboree where youth football players will see their first "game" action of the preseason. The action gets started on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with Agawam facing Palmer.

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## Huesis takes Agawam field hockey program helm

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent*

AGAWAM – For the past 15 years, the Agawam field hockey team has enjoyed moderate success under coach Christine Huestis. The Brownies even overcame the powerful Longmeadow team and won the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Championship.

After a long tenure, Huestis has decided to stop down as head coach in order to spend more time with her family.

"She is someone I have known as both a trainer and as athletics director," said Athletics Director David Stratton. "We will miss her here. She is one of the best coaches we have had here in Agawam."

Stratton announced last week Huestis would not be returning to the Brownies, which failed to make the playoffs for the first time in more than seven years.

Last year, Agawam had a tough season with just three wins. But the previous years for Agawam all resulted in playoff appearances as the Brownies consisting threatened to take the sectional championship.

Longmeadow always seemed to elude the Brownies of the championship, though.

After upsetting the Lancers in 2008, the Brownies would go 13-3-2 in 2009. They qualified for the tournament and made it into the semifinals, losing against Westfield 2-1.

In 2010, Agawam worked to a 12-4-3 record. The Brownies had to work hard in the opening round of the tournament and defeated an upstart Mahar team. They were then trounced by a South Hadley team that made it all the way to the finals with two talented male players on the front lines.

At 12-5-3, Huestis led Agawam back to the Western Mass. finals after wins over West Springfield and Northampton. They would lose 2-0 against Longmeadow in the finals at Mount Holyoke College.

Huestis led her team with a great deal of unity and a strong sense of hard work. She worked her players hard and focused on having really good defense and a successful set of offensive attacks

## Godek duo places second



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FALL RIVER - Dean Godek (right) and his son Matteo (left) of Feeding Hills shoot 70 to finish second in the Massachusetts Golf Association Father Son Tournament at Fall River Country Club.

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## Changes made to football format

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
*Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent*

REGION – The coaches and athletic directors in Western Massachusetts have been heard, and three big changes are up for high school playoff football when games begin this fall.

In Western Massachusetts, the Walker System, which utilizes a points system to bring strength of schedule, and wins against playoff teams along with overall wins, will be utilized.

For many years, a power ranking system was used and determined by wins, points scored, and other factors in order to determine the four teams in division that go to the tournament. The Walker system is used Western Massachusetts because of the wide diversity of teams that play in the region. It is used to determine playoff seedings in other team sports, such as field hockey,

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# Sports

## Park & Rec to sponsor Youth Field Hockey

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 Suffield St., will sponsor a Youth Field Hockey program for girls in grades 1 through 8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Participants will learn the fundamental skills, techniques and strategies of field hockey, while practicing and playing in the program. Girls will be broken into four different divisions:

Grades 1 and 2 Mites; grades 3 and 4, Bantam; grades 5 and 6 Junior; grades 7 and 8, Senior. Early registration for all divisions is until July 31. Cost is \$75 for early registration for Mites and Bantam, \$100 for Junior and Senior. Late registration for all divisions

until Aug. 21. Cost is \$100 for Mites and Bantam and \$125 for Junior and Senior.

Girls will meet from late August through October. Practices are held in the early evenings and games will be played against neighboring communities.

The Mite program will practice on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Sept. 10. Played at Stick Time, this is an opportunity for girls to get involved in field hockey and learn the fundamentals.

Players need to supply their own stick, goggles and mouthpiece.

Registration is underway at the Parks and Recreation office at 1000 Suffield St. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Revised Perry Lane Pool hours

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department has announced that the current public swim hours at Perry Lane Pool are Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m.

These hours are effective through Aug. 21.

Public swim hours from Aug. 22 to 30 are from noon to 5 p.m. daily. The pool will be closed for the year effective Monday, Aug. 31.

## AHS schedules annual golf tourney is Sept.

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department will host its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26, at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School

programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities.

To participate as a major sponsor, golfer or tee sponsor or to donate a raffle prize, contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic office at 413-821-0529 or email dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.



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A group of 55 campers took part in the annual High School Prep Week Camp at Lusitano Stadium last week.



Campers work on their skills around the cones.

## Preparing for fall soccer season

By Dave Forbes  
Turley Publications  
Sports Staff Writer

LUDLOW - A sure sign that summer is coming to an end and that fall is just around the corner took place last week at Lusitano Stadium.

The Western Mass Pioneers hosted their annual High School Prep Week

Camp, which is designed to get players ready for the upcoming season.

"It has been a great week so far," said camp director and Ludlow boys varsity soccer coach Greg Kolodziey said. "The kids have been working hard to get ready for the new season. It looks like we are going to have some really good teams in the fall this season."

There were about 55 teenagers out on the field over the week. The players come from all across the region to take part in this camp, including Agawam, Amherst, Belchertown, Monson, Ludlow, Chicopee and several of the other soccer powers from across the area.

"We have a real good cross section of kids from

all over the area," Kolodziey said. "We have them working on individual drills and working on things together. I could not be happier with how things have gone this week."

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# Sports



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Agawam will be getting a new coach this fall after Christine Huestis stepped down. Karen Gomez will take over when practices begin next week.

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on penalty corners.

Under Huestis, Agawam was always able to score the big goals during the regular season, leading to their

consistent playoff appearances.

Agawam's last playoff appearance came in 2013 when Agawam beat West-

field in the quarterfinals and had yet another rematch against Longmeadow. Agawam would actually lead in the game before falling 2-1.

Stratton says Karen Gomez, a coach at Westfield

High School, has been chosen to replace Huestis. Gomez coached the Westfield field hockey team for the past five years. She will get started with Agawam next Thursday.

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soccer, basketball, baseball,  
and softball.

If the Walker System had been utilized last year, it would have changed how the teams were seeded last year.

The state changed their playoff format two years ago, going to an eight or nine-game regular season depending on whether a team utilizes their bye weeks. Thanksgiving Day games were kept intact.

After eight games, playoff teams are decided and the Western Mass semifinals and finals are played during the first two weekends in November. The state semifinals are also played prior to Thanksgiving.

The Western Mass. finals was another big area of contention as athletic directors argued that a neutral field should be utilized in at least the finals.

In most other sports, the semifinals and finals of tournaments are played at a neutral facility.

In Agawam's case, it resulted in long trips to Wahconah in the Division 4 final while Wahconah got to enjoy the privilege of not traveling at all.

This year's finals in Western Mass. for Division 2, 4, 5, and 6 will be played at a neutral site this year.

That site is not determined, though Westfield State University has been utilized in the past.

The neutral site will be a welcome thing for many teams that could be facing a long road trip for a final matchup.

Other smaller changes were made in other regions of the state. In the North and South regions, there will be some edits made to the power ranking system.

Like the Western region, non-playoff games will be held in November and be formed by the scheduling committees. The Central region adopted a policy where home teams receive all revenue for non-playoff games. The Western region already has that policy.

The changes for this year were the result of feedback received from meetings held in March and a survey that was conducted over the winter.

Meetings have been scheduled for Sept. 17 and Oct. 20 to discuss playoff format options for 2016. A decision on the future of the format will be made in October.

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a.m. with host East Longmeadow facing Chicopee. Agawam played South Hadley this year, and will play Palmer this year. The teams' senior squads (seventh and eighth graders) face off at 9 a.m., followed by juniors (fifth and sixth graders) at 10 a.m., and the pee-wee teams (third and fourth grades) begin at 11 a.m.

At 12 p.m., four more towns will bring their three squads for their scrimmages. Westfield 1 faces Greenfield in one of the matchups. The other matchup features West Springfield and Springfield 5A. From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Westfield 2 vs. Ludlow and the Springfield Tigers will face Holyoke, and at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. Ware and Easthampton will face off and South Hadley faces Wilbra-

ham.

There will be two scrimmages happening simultaneously on each half of the field. Teams will rotate, getting 10 plays on offense and 10 plays on defense. Coaches will serve as the referees and keep the environment very structured. Teams will play 25 minute halves with the clock running.

"The kickoff really allows coaches to get a look at how their team is progressing heading toward the season," said Dematteo. "They also get a look at what plays work and what plays do not work."

He also said this will be the first time players will be hitting people that are not on their team.

The SAFL season will be kicking off on Saturday, Sept. 5 this year.

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**Friday, Aug. 21**

THE NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

**Sunday, Aug. 23**

THE ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW takes place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission is free.

**Tuesday, Aug. 25**

THE MUSICAL MOMENTS free concert series at Amelia Park, 21 S. Broad St., Westfield, will host a performance of favorites by the Cory and the Knightsmen Band at 6 p.m. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit [www.ameliaparkice.org](http://www.ameliaparkice.org).

**Wednesday, Aug. 26**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Christian Life Center, 1590 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature "Home" beginning at 6:15 p.m. with snacks followed by the show at 6:30 p.m., all free. For more information, call 413-782-7171 or visit [CLC413.com](http://CLC413.com).

**Sunday, Aug. 30**

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

**Thursday, Aug. 27**

THE FIRST TIME BUS RIDERS PROGRAM hosted by the Agawam Junior Women's Club will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Children will meet the Agawam safety officer and take a short ride on a school bus around the

high school parking lot. Register at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) or call 413-789-1550. For more information, call Christina Beauchemin at 413-427-8784.

**Thursday, Sept. 3**

A COMMUNITY PICNIC will take place from 4-7 p.m. at Country Estates, a Kindred Healthcare transitional and rehabilitation facility, 1200 Suffield St., Agawam. Free iris scans for children, live music, bounce house, and a full picnic spread. To make a reservation, call Jennifer Payette, director of admissions, at 413-726-1703 by Aug. 22.

**Wednesday, Sept. 9**

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Friday, Sept. 11**

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES gets underway at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. at 7 p.m. with a concert of "Hits of the American Songbook" performed by Dan Kane & Friends.

**Saturday, Sept. 12**

CUB SCOUT PACK 118 in Southwick will hold a bottle and can drive from 9 a.m. to noon at the Southwick Congregational Church, 488 College Highway. The Pack will also be selling different flavors of popcorn as its yearly fundraiser. For more information, call Jenn Schmidt at 413-575-9458.

**Sunday, Sept. 13**

THE OLD COUNTRY ROAD BAND will perform country and blues music at 2 p.m. at North Hall, 40 Searle Road, Huntington. Open seating. \$10 at the door; students free. Wheelchair-access, air-conditioned. For more information, call 413-667-5543 or visit [www.northhall-huntington.org](http://www.northhall-huntington.org).

**Sunday, Sept. 20**

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY WITH KNOTTY PINE ANTIQUES from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321.

**Sunday, Oct. 4**

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from

## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Aug. 24:** Lemon pepper chicken, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, plums.

**Tuesday, Aug. 25:** Seafood salad cold plate (tomato cucumber, egg, carrots, romaine lettuce), pudding.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26:** French meat pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, mixed fruit.

**Thursday, Aug. 27:** Zucchini tomato soup, grilled chicken on a roll, lettuce and tomato, diced pears.

**Friday, Aug. 28:** Tuna casserole, garden salad, baked good.

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, Aug. 24:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Tuesday, Aug. 25:** 10 a.m., Computer Club meets; 12:30 p.m., movie, Mah Jongg, ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, Tobacco Valley Artists meet; 6:30 p.m., evening sewing class.

**Wednesday, Aug. 26:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 1:30 p.m., Agawam Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

**Thursday, Aug. 27:** 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6 p.m., cancer support group; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dancing.

**Friday, Aug. 28:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

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AGAWAM PARANORMAL PROGRAM at 6:30 p.m. at the Noble & Cooley Center for Historical Preservation, 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, call 413-357-6321

**ONGOING**

OPEN HOUSE TOURS at Storowton Village Museum, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, take place now through Aug. 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 and free for children under 6. For more information, call 413-787-0127.

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 8. Free parking available. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, honey and bee products, maple syrup, goat meat and goats' milk products, relishes and jams, baked goods, forested pork, free range chicken and eggs, wine, hot cider donuts, and more. SNAP EBT cards accepted. A \$5 transaction will provide SNAP customers \$10 worth of credit.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at [www.survivorjourneys.org](http://www.survivorjourneys.org).

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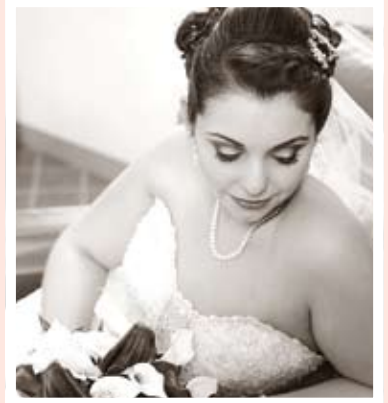
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We try to be inside our public schools on a weekly basis, both in terms of sports coverage and classroom features. Our education and sports sections run 52 weeks per year. We feel school coverage is probably the single largest reflection of the communities we serve, so this paper is committed to having a strong presence there. We devote more staff and space to these sections than any other editorial realm. We do print free courtesy stories, briefs and photos submitted by teachers, sports teams and students, as we cannot possibly be at every event. If you have a photo you want to run, please include a photo caption identifying those in the image from left to right and a description of the event. Please call or e-mail the editor directly with your school event coverage requests at least three days in advance. If we can't attend, you are always encouraged to send in your own write-up and photos.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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OPINION

We love letters to the editor and guest columns. It is what the soul of this newspaper is all about. However, we don't print what we can't prove. All letters and columns must be signed and confirmed by us prior to publication. If you are alleging things that we cannot prove, we will consider that a news tip and look into it. We always encourage readers to celebrate their communities versus just slamming them. We also pen a weekly “editorial.” Some readers confuse editorials with being objective “news.” Our unsigned editorials are opinions formed after doing the research, or compiled through our reporters' stories and other means. We then write opinions, which do take a definitive side on issues. Editorials are not meant to be balanced to both sides like our news stories should. They are intended to opine around the facts and take a position. That's the whole point of the “opinion” page.

PEOPLE/MILESTONE NEWS

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SPORTS

Our Sports Editor Dave Forbes and his reporters and photographers cover select varsity school games weekly as well as youth and adult sports leagues. Our team tries to be fair and spread the coverage around to all the teams, but as playoffs approach, teams making the playoffs take more precedence. We have tried hard this year to expand our coverage of youth sports, but we need coaches and players to send in their photos and write-ups. You can e-mail Dave Forbes at dforbes@turley.com.



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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 6:30 PM**, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Chriscola for work to be performed on Zachary Lane subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of **Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman**  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
8/20/15 **LEGAL NOTICE**

PUBLIC HEARING

The Agawam City Council Administrative Subcommittee will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 6:30pm.**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on the petition of Eversource for permission to add a new pole/anchor to relocate service to existing vault and to eliminate low hanging wires that cross over existing street light pole on River Road, Agawam, MA, as well as permission to relocate a line of poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the area on Cooper Street,

Agawam.  
**Robert E. Rossi**, Chairman  
Administrative Subcommittee  
8/20/15

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786-7111  
Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson  
[Agawam1@verizon.net](mailto:Agawam1@verizon.net)  
[www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com)

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.  
Communion on the first Sunday of the month  
Church school is in session and fellowship coffee hour follows the service.  
“A place to call home ~ A people to call family”

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill St., Feeding Hills  
413-786-4174  
Pastor: Ken Blanchard  
[email.agawamumc@gmail.com](mailto:email.agawamumc@gmail.com)  
[www.agawamworship.org](http://www.agawamworship.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship.  
Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.  
Offsite Worship:  
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

580 Main St., Agawam  
(413) 789-2930  
[www.bethany-ag.org](http://www.bethany-ag.org)  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 9am & 10:45am  
Christian Education offered during both services.  
Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION

50 Maple St., Agawam  
(413) 304-2313  
[churchor.org](http://churchor.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer Schedule  
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

370 Shoemaker Lane  
Agawam  
(413) 786-1681  
[jesussaves.7@comcast.net](mailto:jesussaves.7@comcast.net)  
Church Website: [www.faithbible-church.org](http://www.faithbible-church.org)  
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES  
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer  
Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

“An Open and Affirming Congregation.”  
21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills  
P.O. Box 264  
(413) 786-5061  
[fhccucc@comcast.net](mailto:fhccucc@comcast.net)  
Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
Church School 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Infant and child care provided.  
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760 Main St., Agawam  
[churchedie@comcast.net](mailto:churchedie@comcast.net)  
[www.firstbaptistagawam.org](http://www.firstbaptistagawam.org)  
Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (grades K - 5)  
following Children's Message until 10:45  
Youth Group meets at 11 a.m.  
Coffee & Conversation following worship service

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills  
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH

522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
Feeding Hills, MA  
478-9484  
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
(413) 786-8200  
[www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](http://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org)  
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES  
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Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.  
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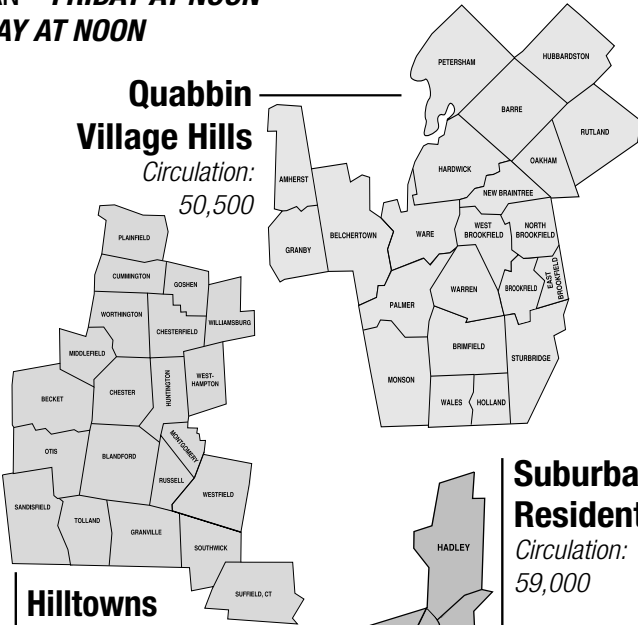
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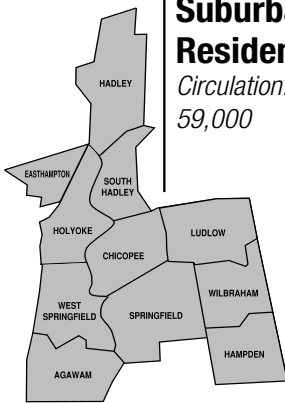
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# Our Town

## 'Kix' for kids



Frankie Mazzei paints the face of Kaitlyn Prior, 7.



Leigh Boland watches as her son, Bryce, 1, goes for the balloon at Kix Country Night, the final concert of the 2015 SummerFest series at School Street Park. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Blake Harris, 2, and McKenna Stula, 3, get ready for the country music concert.



Makenzie Whitley, 11, and Laina Dion, 11, enjoy some fried dough before the concert begins.



Jordan Miller has some fun with bubbles at School Street Park.

# Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). Please include your first and last name.

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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Valentine Moreno were Jim O'Keefe, Lou Scherpa. Pat Borgatti, Robert R. Rivers and Larry Scherpa.



## ENGAGED

### Wenick, Theriault to wed



Alana Wenick and Michael Theriault

Alana Wenick, daughter of Diane and Rob Wenick of Newtown, Conn., and Michael Theriault, son of Ann and Michael Theriault of Feeding Hills, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be graduated from Newtown High School in 2006. She then graduated from the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's degree in English. She is an English teacher at West Bronx Academy in Bronx, N.Y.

The future groom graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield in 2006, and then from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2011. He is currently a fourth-year medical student at New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y.

Michael and Alana are planning a June wedding.

## Special addition



A swearing-in ceremony for John Regan and Mark Attanasio, special police officers for the town of Agawam, took place at Agawam Town Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Pictured, from left, are, Chief Eric Gillis; Regan; Attanasio; and Mayor Richard Cohen. SUBMITTED PHOTO



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